

REMARKS

The present amendment is responsive to an office action dated January 8, 2007.

Claims 30-37 and 56-67 are pending.

Claims 30, 31, 33, 34, 36-39, 41-43, 47, 56, 57, 59, 62-64 and 66 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a).

Claims 32, 35, 40, 44-36, 58, 60, 61, 65 and 67 are deemed to contain allowable subject matter, but are objected to as depending from a rejected base claim.

Claims 30, 58 and 65 are amended.

Claims 33, 40, 48-55 and 66 are cancelled.

New claims 68-92 are entered.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

As a result of amendments to claims 30, 58 and 65, there are now three independent claims in the application. Each of the three independent claims presents patentable subject matter as stipulated by the examiner in the in the currently pending office action.

Claim 30 as currently amended contains all of the limitations of claim 40. The Examiner indicates in the office action that claim 40 contains patentable subject matter. Claim 40 is cancelled as being redundant. New claims 68 and 92 which depend from claim 30 are entered. New claim 68 and 92 contain limitations previously presented in claims 65 and 60 respectively so that no new matter is introduced into the application. Claims 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41-47, 56, 57, 60-64 and 67 all depend from claim 30 either directly or through intervening claims.

Claim 58 as currently amended contains all of the limitations of claim 30 prior to the current amendment and intervening claims 56 and 57. The Examiner indicates in the office action that claim 58 contains patentable subject matter. Claims 59 and 60 have been amended to depend from amended claim 58.

Claim 65 as currently amended contains all of the limitations of claim 30 prior to the current amendment and of intervening claims 36 and 62. The Examiner indicates in the office action that claim 65 contains patentable subject matter. Previously entered claim 67 and new claims 69-91 and 93 depend from claim 65. New claims 69-91 and 93 contain limitations previously recited in claims 31, 32, 34, 35,

37590 was 393/03662 A02

37-41, 43-47, 56-61, 63, 64 and 67 respectively so that they do not introduce any new matter into the application.

As a result of these amendments, independent claims 30, 58 and 65 are in condition for allowance. All other claims are in condition for allowance at least by virtue of their dependence from an allowable base claim.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 30, 31, 33, 34, 36-39, 41-43, 47, 56, 57, 59, 62-64 and 66 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a). All rejections under 35 USC § 103(a) are moot in view of amendments entered herewith for reasons set forth above.

All issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants submit that all currently pending claims are in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited. If the Examiner does not agree regarding one or more of the claims, but is of the opinion that a telephone conversation may forward the present application toward allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned's representative at 1-703-415-1581 to arrange an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul FENSTER
Reg. No. 33,877

April 6, 2007